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Date: 2015/04/01 2:08 PM
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi Nicole,



Regards,

Murray

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>>> Nicole Robichaud 2015/04/01 11:21 AM >>>
Hi Murray,

>>> Murray Smith 2015/03/31 4:35 PM >>>
Good afternoon,

Regards,

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Hi Nicole, [REDACTED]
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Thanks. Keith

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From: Keith Humphries
To: Sykes, Justin
Date: 2015/04/16 2:04 PM
Subject: [REDACTED]
CC: Delaney, Christa; Faber, Breanne

Hi Justin.

Thanks for your email. I will certainly include you, Christa and Breanne [REDACTED]

Again, thanks for your email.

Keith

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>>> Justin Sykes 2015/04/16 14:49 >>>
Hello Keith,

Best regards,

Justin Sykes

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>>> Kevin Woodley 2015/04/16 12:28 PM >>>

Hey Justin,

Dan & Christa: FYI

Kevin

>>>

From: Keith Humphries

To: Dansereau, Guylaine

CC: Brown, Paul; Brunet, Mireille; Farina, Tammy; Rahal, Randa; Robichaud, Nicole; Woodley, Kevin

Date: April 16, 2015 11:50

Subject:

Hello Guylaine,

Thank you

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CC: Brown, Paul; Brunet, Mireille; Farina, Tammy; Rahal, Randa; Robichau...

Attachments: [REDACTED]

Hello Guylaine,

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Thank you

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Thanks Guylaine, [REDACTED]

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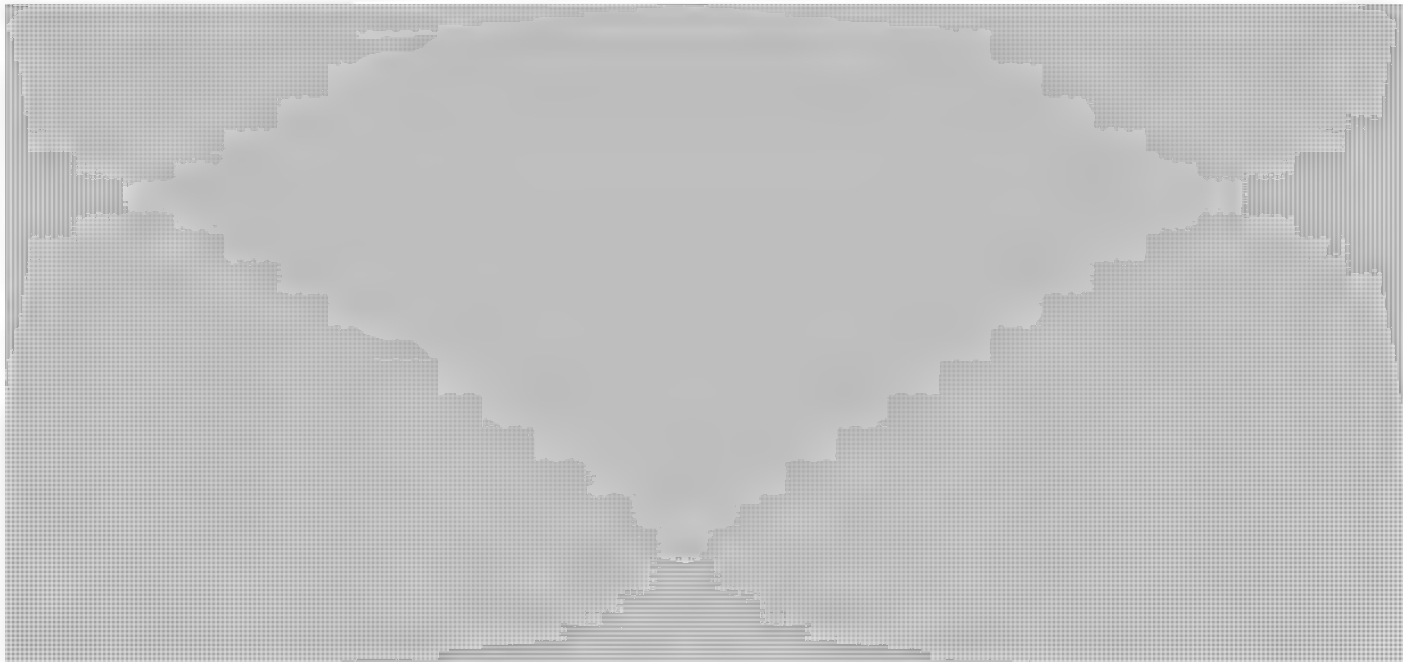
>>> Guylaine Dansereau 2015/04/17 15:10 >>>

Have a great weekend!

Guylaine

>>> Keith Humphries 2015/04/16 11:50 AM >>>

Hello Guylaine,



Thank you

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Date: 2015/04/20 4:10 PM
Subject: [REDACTED]

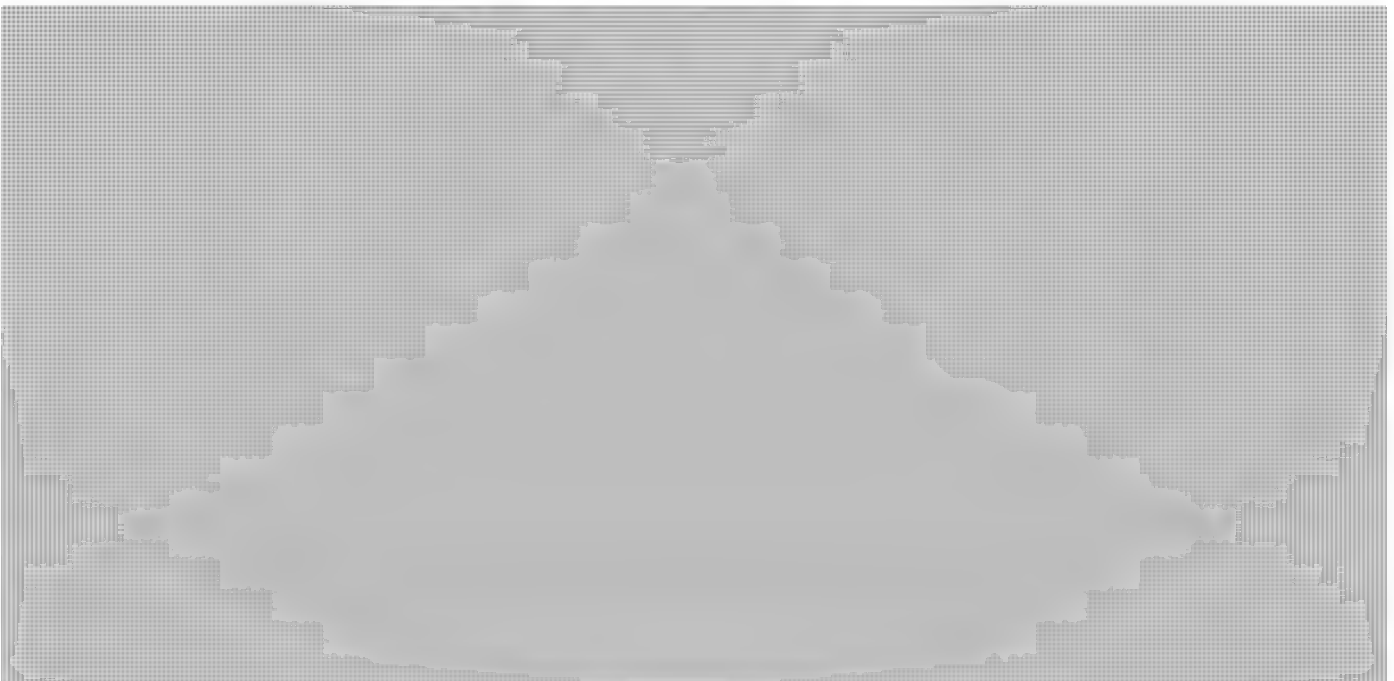
Debra, Here is Guylaine's reply.

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From: Paul Brown s.21(1)(a)
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To: Glass, Kimberley; Goulet, Yves; Robichaud, Nicole; Smith, Murray
Date: 2015/05/01 9:24 AM
Subject: Re: Request from Meeting this Week - Follow-Up

>>> Nicole Robichaud 2015/05/01 9:17 AM >>>



>>> Paul Brown 2015/05/01 7:59 AM >>>
Good morning Nicole, Murray, and Kim,

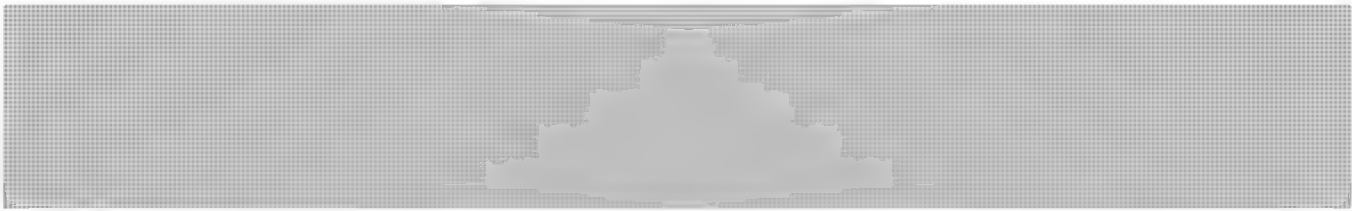


Thanks!

PB

>>> Christine Desnoyers 2015/04/30 4:08 PM >>>





Thanks
Chris

Clarke, Paula

From: Murray Smith <Murray.A.Smith@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: December 4, 2015 4:27 PM.
To: Clarke, Paula
Subject: RE: FW: Beowulf Magazines

Here is draft text on the 10/22 magazines. Comments welcome.

This concerns the classification of 22 Long Rifle (22LR) calibre cartridge magazines designed or manufactured for Ruger 10/22 platform rifles, pistols and related firearms, commonly referred to as the "10/22 platform".

The 10/22 Platform

The Ruger 10/22 family of firearms has been in continuous production for more than 50 years, all employing the same receiver and magazine port design. The original manufacturer, Ruger, produced dozens of standard and custom models of firearms during that period, some still in production in 2015 and others discontinued. The present (2015) Ruger 10/22 product line includes diverse models such as the 10/22 Takedown, the 10/22 Carbine, the 10/22 Target, the 10/22 Compact, the 10/22 Sporter, and the 10/22 Tactical rifles, the 22 Charger and the 22 Charger takedown pistols, all of which share the same ammunition feed system and use the same magazines. The 10/22 platform rifles and pistols vary according to the type of stock, barrel length, sights and other accessories.

Other manufacturers make clones of the 10/22 rifle, including AMT, Armscor, Blask, Kidd, Magnum Research, Volquartsen, Zimmerman Arms and others; the range of models being too numerous to list here.

The 10/22 platform encompasses a variety of semiautomatic handguns including the Ruger 22 Charger, Ruger 22 Charger Takedown, Intratec Tec-22, Intratec Scorpion, Excel Arms XP-22P, US Fire Arms Manufacturing ZiP, and the Zimmermann. These pistols have been in production at various times from the mid-1980s to the present.

Additionally, there are manufacturers which supply 10/22 receivers, such as Volquartsen and Blask, which can be made into either a rifle or a handgun. A version of the 10/22 receiver has been 3D printed.

There has been a similar proliferation of manufacturers for the magazines used in 10/22 platform firearms. Dozens of magazines are available ranging in capacities from one shot to 110 shots. Manufacturers of magazines for the 10/22 platform include Black Dog Machine, Butler Creek, GSG, HCMags, ProMag, Ruger, Tactical Innovations and others.

One of the constants over the 50+ years of production of 10/22 platform firearms has been the magazine feed system. The rifles, pistols and magazines made by the various manufacturers are largely interoperable. In some cases, fine tuning of fit and function by the end user is required. This phenomenon is widely reported in product reviews and generally accepted by purchasers.

10/22 platform handgun magazines

The Ruger 10/22 platform model line also included one semiautomatic handgun, the Ruger 22 Charger, introduced in 2008, out of production as of 2013, and re-introduced in 2014 as two distinct models, the 22 Charger and the 22 Charger Takedown. Although the Ruger Charger pistol falls into the "handgun" category for Canadian regulatory purposes, it is simply a Ruger 10/22 firearm with a shorter barrel and a handgun style stock. There are no mechanical differences in the magazine port which would differentiate

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the Charger pistol from other 10/22 series of firearms. No magazine specific to the Charger pistol was originally offered by Ruger in 2008. In 2015, Ruger described the newly introduced BX-15 magazine (15 shots) as having the ideal size for the 22 Charger handguns but Ruger did not exclude the use of any other capacity magazine, and specifically identified the one, five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five and fifty shot BX magazines as being compatible with the handguns.

The ZiP 22 handgun is available with ZX ten, fifteen and thirty shot magazines. The ZX-30 magazine is described as a Ruger BX-25 magazine with a ZiP upgrade kit which increases capacity to 30 shots. The ZiP 22 handgun is also described by the manufacturer as working with the Ruger BX ten shot magazine.

Intratec pistols were supplied with 30 shot Intratec brand magazines. The original magazines are in short supply and it is widely reported that Ruger brand 10/22 platform magazines function well. Tactical Innovations advertises their TI25 magazine as being suitable for the (Intratec) Tec-22 pistol.

There does not appear to be any 10/22 platform magazine by any manufacturer which will function in a handgun but not in a rifle and vice-versa.

Rimfire magazine capacity limitations

The 22 Long Rifle cartridge is a rimfire calibre. The magazine regulations made pursuant to the Criminal Code limit magazine capacity for semiautomatic handguns of any calibre, including 22 Long Rifle calibre, to ten shots maximum. The magazine capacities for other classes of rimfire calibre firearms are not directly regulated.

Specifically, the regulations prohibit a cartridge magazine:

3(1)(b) that is capable of containing more than 10 cartridges of the type for which the magazine was originally designed and that is designed or manufactured for use in a semi-automatic handgun that is commonly available in Canada.

Magazine capacity for the 10/22 platform

The 22 Long Rifle calibre magazines used in Ruger model 10/22 rifles are the same as those used in the Ruger 22 Charger pistol. Ruger clearly illustrates the compatibility of the series of Ruger brand BX magazines with their 10/22 platform rifles and pistols in the 2015 Ruger product catalog. Indeed, Ruger stated in the product monolog for the BX-25 magazine introduced in 2011, that the magazine would function in any vintage of 10/22 based rifle and all Charger handguns, signalling a commonality of magazine port design stemming back to the original 10/22 rifle introduced in 1964. Ruger brand magazines are designed or manufactured, or both, for rifles and handguns alike. Although the magazine capacities for the 22 Long Rifle calibre rifles are not directly limited by the effect of the magazine regulations, the limitation on the capacity of pistol magazines to a maximum of ten shots applies to the entire population of Ruger 10/22 platform magazines, and thus indirectly limits capacities to ten shots for all classes of firearms which use those magazines.

The same situation exists for third party manufactured magazines for the 10/22 platform. It is the commonality and interoperability of the rifles, handguns and magazines which has led to the impact of the handgun ten shot limit on all magazines made for the 10/22 platform. Cartridge magazines are designed for magazine ports much like ammunition is designed for the firing chamber. Standard 22 Long Rifle ammunition fits and functions in the chambers of 10/22 platform firearms of that calibre, both rifles and handguns alike, despite its genesis as a rifle cartridge as indicated by the calibre name, 22 Long RIFLE (emphasis added). All magazines for the 10/22 platform, regardless of their specific brand, are prohibited devices at any capacity exceeding ten shots. It is neither logical nor credible that a magazine designed or manufactured for a 10/22 platform rifle is not also designed, or at least manufactured for a 10/22 platform pistol with an identical magazine port.

The Ruger Charger pistol is commonly available in Canada. Indeed, any mass produced handgun sold on the open market is likely to be commonly available in Canada. The Charger pistol is advertised for sale in Canada from time to time.

Conclusion

All 22 Long Rifle calibre magazines for the 10/22 platform, regardless of brand, are prohibited devices at any capacity exceeding ten shots. Magazines exceeding ten shots capacity are not prohibited devices if reduced in capacity to ten shots or less by pinning or by other means described in the magazine regulations.

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Hi Cameron,

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Murray

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Merci.

>>> Cameron Scobie 2016/05/02 5:32 PM >>>

Murray, Nicole. Maria,



Many thanks in advance,
Cameron

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Many thanks in advance,
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Hi Murray, Nicole and Christa,

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Thanks!
Cameron

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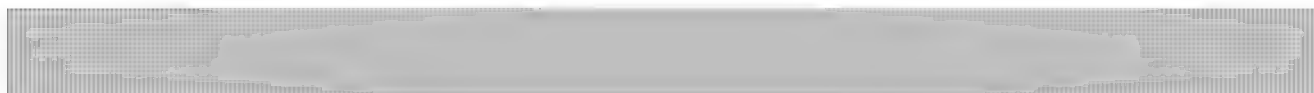
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>>> Nicole Robichaud 2016/05/05 10:10 AM >>>

With respect to your first comment on page 2, we would need to look at the Cartridge Magazine Control Regulations, which were in effect prior to 1998, and I understand that they did not have the 5/10 cartridge limit. I do not have a copy of these though and it is not easily accessible - do any of you have these Regs? I assume Murray likely knows the answer off the top of his head though.

>>> Cameron Scobie 2016/05/04 7:38 PM >>>

Hi Murray, Nicole and Christa,

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Thanks!
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Canadian debate over the AR-15

JIM BROWN (Host): After the shooting in Florida last weekend Liberal, NDP and Green MPs turned their attention to Conservative MP Bob Zimmer. Zimmer sponsored a recent petition to take a gun called the AR-15 off the restricted list in Canada. The AR-15 is the kind of gun used in the Newtown and San Bernadino shootings. A similar weapon was used in the shootings in Orlando. Canadian gun control advocates worry that by loosening the restrictions on the AR-15 a particularly lethal weapon will become more available in Canada. The 180's Matthew Lazin-Ryder spoke with people on both sides of the gun debate and they say that this Canadian debate over the AR-15 has more to do with symbolism than with firepower. And Matthew joins me now. Hello.

MATTHEW LAZIN-RYDER (Reporter): Hello Jim.

BROWN: Start off by telling us about the goal of this petition.

RYDER: First of all, the petition closed in May with 25,000 signatures. And the only reason we're talking about it this week is that police in Orlando originally said the shooter there used an AR-15 type rifle. And that made a lot of reporters and politicians have another look at this petition that Zimmer presented. Now, the petition asked the government to make the AR-15 a non-restricted gun. It's currently restricted in Canadian law. There are plenty of AR-15s in Canada and they're legal. But because they're restricted, you have to register them with the police and you can only take them to the firing range and back. So, as the petition says, the restriction on the AR-15 and its variants prohibits the use of this semi-automatic modern sporting rifle for being used for lawful purposes, such as hunting.

BROWN: Okay. Well, what is an AR-15 and what makes it different from other hunting rifles?

RYDER: Well, the AR-15 was originally designed for the United States military, where it was called the M-16. It became the standard infantry rifle during the Vietnam War. It was later adapted for civilian use. And the biggest difference then is the civilian version does not allow for fully automatic fire. So, automatic fire is you hold down the trigger and it just keeps firing until it runs out of bullets. The AR-15 civilian version is semi-automatic, meaning it automatically reloads itself every time you pull the trigger. You can just go bang, bang, bang, bang until you have no bullets left. Unlike some states in the US, where you can get magazines that hold up to 100 bullets, Canadians are restricted to a maximum five bullet clip. So you can go one, two, three, four, five and fire all your bullets. So, I wanted to meet someone who likes the AR-15. I met Rod Giltaca. Rod is an instructor with the RCMP Canadian Firearms Program. He runs a firearms training company called Civil Advantage Firearms training. He's got two AR-15s and invited me to take a look at one. I asked him to describe the gun and what makes people like it so much.

ROD GILTACA (Firearms Instructor): So basically, the AR-15 is a centre fire, semi-automatic firearm. The gun itself is a very common rifle in Canada. You can get them in different barrel lengths and different colours. You've got a flashlight and an optic on it. And you know, and it's painted.

RYDER: Camouflage.

GILTACA: It's painted camouflage, yeah. Very intimidating. It's become an extremely popular rifle because it's easy to accessorize, to be honest with you. That's probably the number one reason why people love this rifle. You can buy a lot of different upgrades and things to make it look cooler or operate easier or whatever. And it's also very lightweight and quite reliable.

RYDER: Now, Rod mentioned look cooler. The AR-15 looks like a military weapon. And they look like what you might think of when you hear the term, assault rifle, though there is no hard and fast definition of what an assault rifle is.

BROWN: And why is it restricted, or is that an obvious question?

RYDER: Well, when I started researching the gun I assumed it was restricted because it was semi-automatic or because of the length of its barrel or the kind of ammunition it fires. But that's not it. And I think a lot of people would be surprised at the number of non-restricted semi-automatic hunting rifles there are in Canada, perfectly legal semi-auto hunting rifles that essentially do the same thing as the AR-15. And since the previous government scrapped the long gun registry they don't need to be registered with police. So, I asked the justice ministry for the specific reason, with technical details, why the AR-15 is restricted. And their response was, "The semi-automatic version of the AR-15 is restricted because of its lineage to the military-issued M-16 assault rifle." And Rod and other gun owners' interpretation of that is, it's only restricted because of its association with a military weapon.

GILTACA: You know, I talk very matter-of-factly with most people and I say the reason why the AR-15 is restricted while all these other firearms are not restricted is because Arnold Schwarzenegger shot the predator with it, because Chuck Norris broke out the POWs in Delta Force 1 and 2 and he carried an AR-15. There's, again, there's no mechanical difference.

RYDER: So that's Rod's answer and I spent some time cruising online Canadian gun message boards. And that seems to be the predominant feeling, that if you can have other rifles that are semi-automatic be non-restricted, it only makes sense to be able to go hunting or shoot cans in the bush with the AR-15. And that's not outlandish, though it may seem so Jim. There are plenty of people in the United States that go hunting with AR-15s. In fact, in Canada the term is black guns, guns that look kind of militaryish, but are used for hunting. There are little disputes among hunters about what's more honourable

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BROWN: But presumably the fact that the gun was designed for military purposes to kill human beings is a valid reason to restrict it.

RYDER: Yeah. And when I asked Rod that his response was that the killings that led to the creation of the now-defunct long gun registry, the L'école Polytechnique shootings, were committed by a man using a non-restricted semi-automatic hunting rifle.

GILTACA: One individual that had what we would consider to be like a ranch rifle, which is the Ruger Mini 14, oddly enough using the 223 or 5.56 NATO cartridge, as the AR-15 and 30 other rifles that are still available today. And that is a rifle that's designed to be used on a ranch to shoot coyotes or you know, medium-sized game, control predators, that kind of thing. And unfortunately, humans aren't that much bigger than, than wolves or coyotes. You have a hunting rifle meant for life on the farm that's used to hurt people. I mean, it's by virtue of the tool it is, it's inherently

dangerous just like many other dangerous things in our society.

RYDER: So Rod's central point, the AR-15 behaves like any other semi-automatic hunting rifle, can kill like any other semi-automatic hunting rifle, but looks like a military weapon. And in there he sees a kind of contradiction, that if we can't be logical and consistent about how we restrict guns, then there's a problem.

BROWN: Okay. So, why not just argue then we'll be consistent, we'll ban all semi-automatic rifles?

RYDER: Yeah, that's one conclusion you can come to. You know, you say if you want to go hunting you load your bullets one at a time with a bolt action gun and make sure each bullet counts and so on. But I spoke with another person who thinks that even if we were to selectively restrict guns because of their aesthetics or their military associations, that's a reasonable thing to do. Jooyoung Lee is a sociologist at the University of Toronto. He's American. He's familiar with that country's considerably more intense gun culture. And Jooyoung says that the look of a gun is actually a big deal.

JOOYOUNG LEE (Sociologist, University of Toronto): So, people, when they buy guns they look for a number of different qualities in a gun. And one of them is the look of a gun. Another is the history of a gun. Another is actually the symbolism of a gun, of what the gun actually symbolizes. So for example, like, the AK-47 has a long history of being a firearm that soldiers in different wars have used and it's gained an international reputation for being cheap and very efficient. And so, when people go out and buy the AK-47 they're not just buying a gun because of its performance or its looks, but they're also buying a gun because of the history that it invokes. And the same can actually be said about the AR-15.

RYDER: So the AK-47 that Jooyoung mentioned is an interesting example. Right? It's kind of a mythical gun and it's got all these associations. It's the gun of our opponents in the Cold War. It's a gun that represents Soviet power. It represents rebellion and infiltration and peasant uprisings. And the M-16 or the AR-15 is the counterpart to the AK-47. It was built literally to take on the AK-47 and to Jooyoung has collected a mythology all to itself.

BROWN: And what mythology is that?

RYDER: Masculinity. So to Jooyoung the look of the AR-15 is important because it fits into this idea of the tactical man, a guy that knows how to kick-in doors and silently and deftly take on enemies and has gadgets for every occasion and can exert his manly will on people. There is an ad out there from Bush Master, one of the companies that makes an AR-15. And it features the gun looking sleek and black and the ad just says, "Consider your man card reissued." To Jooyoung it reinforces the idea, you know, maybe not to people like Rod, but floating out there in society, that when a man is wronged he can take back his manhood by picking up an army gun.

LEE: These things have a function as being part of a larger identity toolkit, things that a person can use to construct a heroic, badass masculine self. And unfortunately, it's part of the conversation that we often gloss over when we talk about the reasons or underlying reasons for why these kinds of mass shootings happen. One of the clearest examples that actually brought the issue of toxic masculinity to the fore was the mass shooting in Isla Vista where the gunman released a manifesto on, on You Tube describing how he had gone through his whole life feeling shunned by women and that he was embarrassed and ashamed that he was a virgin in university and that he was going to exact revenge on people who had ridiculed him or bullied him or marginalized him. I think that, you know, we have to really examine a lot of different things that go into these mass shootings, guns being one of them. But I think masculinity and violence being so intricately linked to masculinity is also another part of the story.

RYDER: So, two perspectives there Jim. On the one hand it's illogical to treat something as serious as gun violence with something as superficial as looks or, as the ministry says, its lineage. On the other, the vibe of a gun, the image it gives off, its connection to those movies is where we need to start talking about gun violence.

BROWN: Matthew, thank you very much.

RYDER: Thank you Jim.

BROWN: Matthew Lazin-Ryder is a producer with The 180. Now, we should note that this petition will not succeed. The federal government has already said it has no intention of changing the restricted status of the AR-15.

REFERENCE(S): "Groupon deal offers a chance to shoot an AR-15", 2016-06-22, Toronto Star, http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/rcmp-grc/articles/unrestricted/2016/06/rcm201664419550624_1992.htm.

Groupon deal offers a chance to shoot an AR-15

Michael Robinson

A Niagara Region gun club offered a discount on a "tactical shooting experience" last week, inviting visitors to fire 20 rounds from a semiautomatic rifle similar to the one used in the Orlando mass shooting.

Staff at the Silverdale Gun Club in Saint-Amand, Ont., said they stood by the limited time offer despite its timing, which was coincidental.

"We promote the sport of shooting," said club co-owner Joan Miller. "It is one of the safest sports in Canada."

On Thursday, 10 per cent of Groupon's subscribers were emailed an offer of a 50 per cent discount on the purchase of a "tactical shooting experience" package. For \$67, visitors could fire 20 rounds from a nine millimetre handgun, another 20 from a .223 calibre tactical firearm, and "1 round using a .50 caliber Browning Machine Gun."

The Browning Machine Gun, or BMG, is a fully automatic firearm and prohibited in Canada. On Friday, Miller told the Star the online ad was corrected to clarify that the purchase includes the firing of a single BMG .50 calibre bullet from a sniper rifle.

Responding to the ad, Wendy Cukier, of the Coalition for Gun Control, said "perhaps the Groupon will awaken Canadians to the extent that our gun laws have been eroded and put lives at risk."

For the rifle portion of the "tactical shooting experience," the ad said purchasers could choose from three different semiautomatic rifles, including the AR-15.

The AR-15, which stands for ArmaLite Rifle, is a popular semi-automatic rifle among recreational shooters across North America. Originally designed for military forces in the 1950s, the modern civilian version is fast to reload, inexpensive to buy and relatively easy to use.

Authorities initially believed Omar Mateen, shooter behind last weekend's slaughter in Orlando, Fla., used an AR-15, a semiautomatic rifle. The weapon was later determined to be a similar firearm called a Sig Sauer.MCX. The guns look the same and can shoot the same calibre ammunition - .223.

In an interview with the Star, Heidi Rathjen, a survivor of the École Polytechnique massacre in 1989 that left 14 women dead in Montreal, said military-style semi-automatic rifles like the AR-15 are "weapons designed to kill people" and should be banned.

Discharging them at a gun range "is not target practice," she argued. "It is killing practice."

In Canada, the AR-15 is classified as a restricted, not prohibited, firearm. Its use is confined to a shooting range by a member of a gun club. Owners must complete extra licensing courses and are subject to screening by the RCMP before they are allowed to purchase and keep one.

Despite the heightened standards and precautions, Rathjen still believes "the risks are far too great and outweigh any benefits that these guns provide to a number of collectors or target shooters."

The AR-15 was wielded by terrorist Syed Farook during last year's San Bernardino attack in California, which claimed the lives of 14 people and left 22 seriously injured. Adam Lanza used a modified version to kill 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

Gun rights activists call the rifle a reliable, accurate and customizable sporting rifle for target shooting. Critics say it's a killing machine equipped with explosive firepower.

Silverdale chief range safety officer Gary Wilson said the public "likes to hate on firearm owners but we've done nothing wrong."

"If you have a restricted firearm, it's locked up in your house and when you want to use it, it has to be at an approved place," he said. "Basically, they are toys."

The retired Canadian Forces member wondered, "Why we are having conversations about tragic events elsewhere in the world when we have our own tragedies?" He cited as examples the plight of the country's homeless and mistreatment of First Nations people.

Canadian gun lobby groups emphasized that the AR-15 in Canada is used at a range by civilians for sport and friendly competition.

"There is no relationship between the criminal behaviour of a murderous terrorist and the activities of law-abiding firearms owners, shooting clubs and firearm businesses," Sheldon Clare, of the National Firearms Association, said in an emailed statement to the Star.

That sentiment was echoed by the Canadian Firearms Institute, a non-profit organization "dedicated to protecting Canadians' Firearms Heritage."

"The shooting in Orlando was a tragic event and our hearts go out to the families and victims," said Pyper Unitt. "The two issues are separate and distinct. One is an invitation to try a new sport - and the other a case of mental illness."

There has been no confirmation from official sources that Mateen was diagnosed with a mental illness.

ABOUT THE AR-15

The AR-15 is a lightweight, 5.56 mm calibre, air-cooled, gas-operated, magazine-fed rifle, with a rotating bolt, actuated by direct impingement gas operation. It is constructed of steel, aluminium and composite plastics.

Many contemporary versions of the AR-15 utilize an operating system under the hood called direct-impingement. It relies on gas to move a bolt assembly that ejects the shell while triggering a spring that loads another bullet into the rifle chamber.

Trigger

To fire this semi-automatic firearm, the trigger must be released after each shot. Holding the trigger down does not mean it will rapidly fire.

Weight

Without a magazine, the AR-15 clocks in at 3.8 kg.

Customizable

Owners are able to personalize an AR-15 by changing its barrels, stocks and optics (such as adding a red dot sight instead of iron sights). Aftermarket parts are widely available.

Ammunition

Gun clubs like Silverdale load their AR-15s with FMJ, or full metal jacket, ammo. FMJ refers to the bullet's copper or steel alloy. This cuts back on lead residue left in the barrel after discharge and the bullets have less chance of fragmenting upon impact with soft tissue.

Rate of fire

According to one arms manufacturer, the weapon's effective rate of fire is 45 rounds per minute. ILLUS: The AR-1 is a lightweight magazine-fed rifle.

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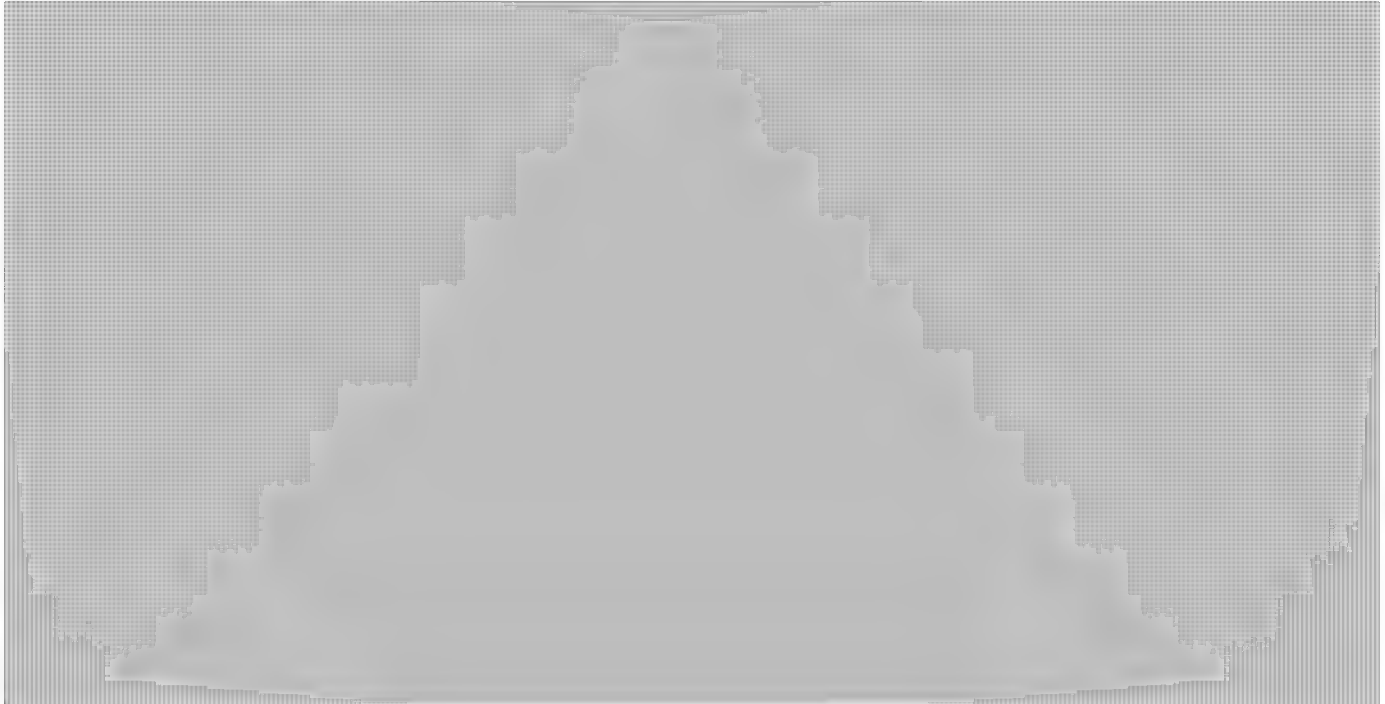
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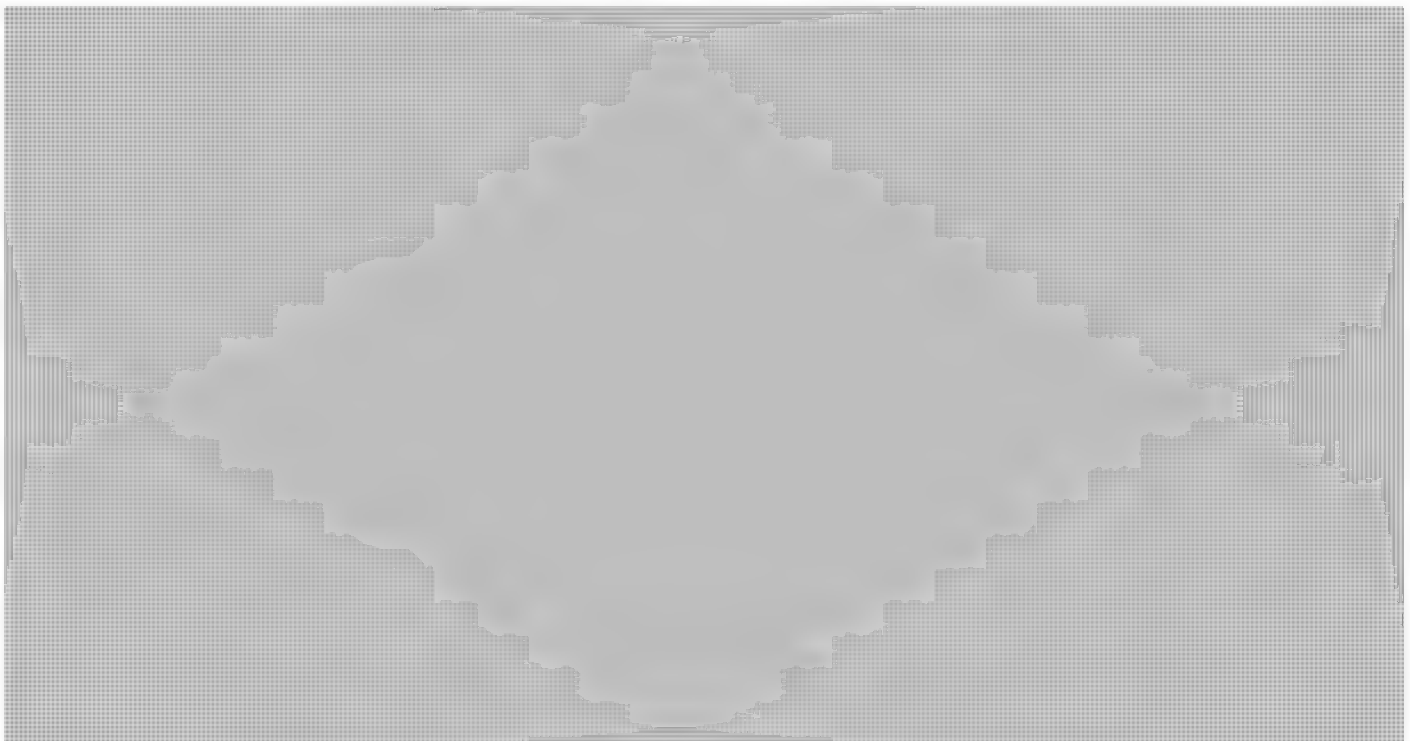
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THE RCMP MAKES UP NEW LAWS AGAIN

Canada's national police force has chosen to continue its unabated attack on our nation's law-abiding firearms community. This time its ire is directed at one of the most common and inoffensive firearms owned by Canadians: the Ruger 10/22 rifle. To be more specific, the attack is on the rifle's magazines.



With the sweep of a bureaucratic pen, the crew in the firearms lab has declared that for the little Ruger rifle any magazine that holds over ten shots is now PROHIBITED. Apparently the logic is that the magazines can also fit the obsolete Ruger Charger pistol. As such they are being considered handgun magazines and must be limited to ten rounds.

They are wrong of course.

The law says in Section 3 (2) (magazine restrictions) of the Criminal Code Regulations:

- (2) Paragraph (1)(a) does not include any cartridge magazine that
- (a) was originally designed or manufactured for use in a firearm that
- (i) is chambered for, or designed to use, rimfire cartridges

Most of the magazines in question were for sale decades before the Charger pistol was even thought of. They are clearly designed for the Ruger 10/22 RIFLE, and therefore are exempt from the restrictions.

Although these magazines are only for the little .22 LR rimfire, this is no small thing. Hundreds of thousands of these magazines are in circulation in Canada and have been for many years -- without incident. Owners have been plunged, without even the courtesy of a public announcement, into serious criminality. Possession of a prohibited device is a very serious crime. Nice of them to tell us "but deceit and entrapment seem to be the RCMP's stock-in-trade."

It is puzzling why the RCMP seems to relish widening the animosity between itself and Canada's lawful, licensed gun owners. Indeed, the actions of the RCMP seem to indicate utter contempt for our community. Undoubtedly, the RCMP will reap what it sows.

What should owners of these magazines do? The answer is nothing. We have received nothing official regarding the status of these magazines, although we are certain it is coming. Individuals should not attempt to pin or otherwise limit the magazine's capacity as that could prove dangerous. As well, transporting a prohibited device without the proper paperwork can land one into criminality very quickly. Do nothing to the magazines -- don't move them and don't use them. Even giving them away could constitute trafficking in prohibited devices.

Hang in there! We are currently examining several options with our sister organizations and members of the industry, and we will need your participation. An announcement of our actions will come within the next few days.

Meanwhile, write a letter (paper is best, but email works) expressing your outrage to the Prime Minister of Canada, The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau; to the Public Safety Minister, the Hon. Ralph Goodale; and, of course, to your own federal Member of Parliament. Please don't waste time with petitions. Direct communication is the only sure fire route. Express (politely) how you feel about another unwarranted attack on our community by the seemingly incompetent firearms lab, and request that steps be taken to reverse this attempt to turn hundreds of thousands of Canadians into instant criminals.

You can find the contact information for MPs and Ministers here:

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Below is the actual memo text sent from the RCMP to police agencies:

Issue

This concerns the classification of 22 Long Rifle (22LR) calibre cartridge magazines designed or manufactured for Ruger 10/22 rifles, Charger pistols and related firearms, commonly referred to as the 10/22 platform.

History

The Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) has responded to numerous queries from individuals and firearms businesses concerning the classification of magazines designed or manufactured for Ruger brand 10/22 rifles and Charger pistols, plus clones of such firearms made by other manufacturers. The overall issue was that any 10/22 platform magazine which exceeded ten shots capacity was a prohibited device. This information was also well circulated on Canadian online forums specializing in firearms issues. The CFP specifically addressed one of the more common overcapacity 10/22 platform magazines, the Ruger BX-25 magazine, which contains 25 cartridges and is described by Ruger as being manufactured for both the Ruger 10/22 rifle series and 22 Charger pistol series, identifying the BX-25 magazine as a prohibited device (CFP Bulletin 72, 2013-09-05).

Additionally, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) decided that a similar magazine, the Ruger BX-25x2 magazine (50 shots), was a prohibited device (AP-2013-059).

Magazines up to 110 shot capacity are available. Although the 22LR cartridge is less powerful than most, it is nonetheless lethal, and combined with high capacity magazines, presents a public safety hazard and an officer safety concern when responding to incidents involving these magazines.

Notwithstanding the steps taken to inform the Canadian public and firearms businesses, it appears that

prohibited 10/22 platform magazines continue to be imported into Canada and sold by unqualified businesses and individuals.

Rationale

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Thanks!
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Alain, it is situational awareness for you given it came up through to the Minister and then to the Commissioner and down...

Nicole, it is situational awareness for you on the DOJ front...

Cheers/Paul



Supt. Paul L. Brown

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Hi. Sent by the Deputy last night.

Guylaine

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From: Bagnell, Larry - Personal
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 03:46 PM
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Larry Bagnell

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MAGAZINE RE-CLASSIFICATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - July 28, 2016

ETOBICOKE, ONTARIO - The Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA), representing recreational firearms owners, has joined with the Canadian Sporting Arms and

Ammunition Association (CSAAA), representing firearms business owners, to empower legal action against the recent decision by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Firearms Program to prohibit several brands of imported 10/22 extended capacity rifle magazines.

The CSAAA and CSSA Boards of Directors voted late last week to raise and contribute funding to a legal defence fund to make this legal action possible.

The action will be conducted by noted firearms lawyer Edward L. Burlew, L.L.B. , General Counsel for the CSSA.

Mr. Burlew states, "This recent, sudden reversal deprives legal firearms owners of their property rights and attacks their freedom. The RCMP has a duty to every Canadian to act fairly and consistently. The recent decision to reverse position on Ruger 10/22 magazines holding over 10 cartridges is a deliberate move to cause serious worry to hundreds of thousands of Canadians, licenced firearms dealers and importers."

Burlew adds, " A Federal Court Class Action on behalf of all persons, individuals, dealers and distributors who now possess cartridge magazines to fit the Ruger 10/22 that can contain more than 10 cartridges will be commenced. The purpose of the action is to seek a judgement that these magazines are not prohibited, to declare the magazine capacity restrictions void as unconstitutional or in the alternative to force a buy-back of each at full retail value. A claim for the intentional infliction of mental distress due to the fear of police action and criminal charges will be included."

Individuals are advised not to use, transfer, dispose of, alter or modify, or transport these magazines at this time.

At this time, due to the controversy, importers, dealers and individual owners are advised to stop sales and transfers of all 10/22 high capacity (over 10 rounds) rifle magazines. Businesses are cautioned not to attempt to "pin" magazines unless their license specifically authorizes work on prohibited magazines.

We are advising against businesses or their customers surrendering or returning these magazines to anyone at this time.

If you are the consumer owner of one of these magazines your participation in the action is very much desired. THERE IS NO FEE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION BUT DONATIONS TO THE ACTION ARE WELCOME.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT: 10/22 +10 Class Action Donation

From consumer owners we need:

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information, product press releases;

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Consumer owners interested in joining the class action, are asked to email the above information to the CSSA at classaction@cssa-cila.org.

For more information call the CSSA at 905-571-2150.

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